

STATE OF NEW JERSEY  
DEPARTMENT OF LAW & PUBLIC SAFETY  
DIVISION OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS  
STATE BOARD OF NURSING

IN THE MATTER OF THE LICENSE	:	
APPLICATION OF	:	ADMINISTRATIVE ACTION
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NATALIA DEAN, APPLICANT	:	FINAL ORDER
	:	OF DENIAL
	:	OF LICENSURE
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TO PRACTICE AS A LICENSED	:	
PRACTICAL NURSE IN THE	:	
STATE OF NEW JERSEY	:	

This matter was opened to the New Jersey State Board of Nursing (the "Board") upon receipt of information which the Board has reviewed and upon which the following findings of fact and conclusions of law are made:

FINDINGS OF FACT

1. Natalia Dean applied for licensure as a licensed practical nurse by means of an application dated August 6, 2014.

2. Ms. Dean revealed that she had been convicted on November 13, 2009 of aggravated DWI, and fined \$1,000 with a \$290 surcharge. The conviction was for conduct engaged in on December 22, 2007 in New York State.

3. Ms. Dean also revealed that she had been convicted on September 28, 2011, of driving while impaired in violation of N.J.S.A. 2C:4-50. She was convicted as a first time offender, and fined \$506, as well as costs and assessments totaling \$358.

4. On or about February 10, 2015, Ms. Dean was notified that the Board was concerned about her arrest/conviction history, and she was asked to undergo evaluation to reassure the Board that she was fit and competent to practice nursing. Ms. Dean was referred to the Recovery and Monitoring Program of New Jersey (RAMP) for evaluation.

5. Ms. Dean contacted RAMP, but stated to RAMP that she would not be able to begin the RAMP evaluation at that time because she had family obligations and a "packed" schedule.

#### CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

Pursuant to N.J.S.A. 45:1-21(f), the Board may deny licensure to any applicant who has been convicted of any offense relating adversely to the practice of nursing.

#### DISCUSSION

Based on the foregoing findings and conclusions, a Provisional Order of Denial of Licensure was entered on May 29, 2015. A copy was served on Respondent via regular and certified mail to her last known address of record. The Provisional Order was subject to finalization by the Board at 5:00 p.m. on the 30<sup>th</sup> business day following entry unless Respondent requested a

modification or dismissal of the stated Findings of Fact or Conclusions of law by submitting a written request for modification or dismissal setting forth in writing any and all reasons why said findings and conclusions should be modified or dismissed and submitting any and all documents or other written evidence supporting Respondent's request for consideration and reasons therefore.

Respondent replied to the Provisional Order and subsequently enrolled in RAMP. She was compliant with RAMP from June 2015 - January 2016. In January 2016, Respondent ceased participating with RAMP, failed to undergo a randomly scheduled screen, and indicated to RAMP staff that she no longer wanted to be a nurse. She further professed that she intended to pursue another career.

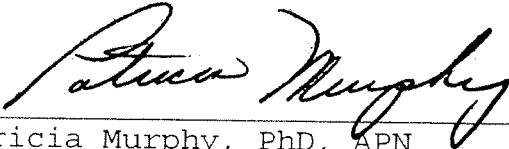
Based upon Respondent's history of repeated DWIs, the Board had determined that testing, monitoring, and evaluation were required prior to licensure to ascertain whether Respondent's practice may jeopardize the safety and welfare of the public and treatment would be necessary for Respondent to properly discharge licensee functions in accordance with N.J.S.A. 45:1-22 (e) and (f). As Respondent has withdrawn from RAMP, she has failed to demonstrate, to the satisfaction of the Board, that she is fit and competent to be a nurse, or that she has been rehabilitated after her multiple DWIs.

ACCORDINGLY, IT IS on this 2<sup>nd</sup> day of June, 2016,

ORDERED that:

1. Ms. Dean's application for licensure as a licensed practical nurse in the state of New Jersey is hereby denied. No subsequent application will be entertained by the Board until Ms. Dean has undergone evaluation and demonstrated to the Board's satisfaction that she is fit and competent to practice nursing in the State of New Jersey.

NEW JERSEY STATE BOARD OF NURSING

By:   
Patricia Murphy, PhD, APN  
Board President